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In re Appln. Of:

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed

December 7, 1998. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 14, change "an" (second occurrence) to --pure-- and delete "simple".

Page 1, line 21, delete "use of a".

Page 1, line 25, delete "a".

Page 2, line 7, delete "a" (second occurrence).

Page 2, line 20, change "use of the" to --a--.

Page 2, line 22, change "simple" to --pure--.

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